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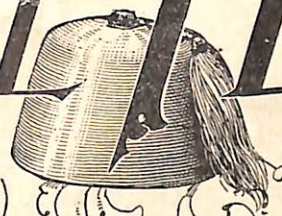

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A LOSS TO MASONRY.

DEATH OF "FATHER" SHREINER AT MT. PLEASANT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

No man in the state more widely known in Masonic circles except T. S. Parvin, and his death will cause universal sorrow.

Wednesday forenoon N. R. Parvin, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Masonic grand lodge of Iowa, received a telegram from Mt. Pleasant announcing the death of the old Masonic Grand Tyler, Theodore Shreiner.

The death of Theodore Shreiner will come as sad news to many people in Cedar Rapids and to thousands of homes in Iowa and the northwest.

With the single exception of Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin, Mr. Shreiner was the most widely known Mason in Iowa, and at the time of his death, he was second in seniority of rank as to time of service as an officer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa.

For thirty-eight years he attended in his official capacity each annual session of the grand lodge of Iowa, and no officer of that body received as many kindly greetings as "Father Shreiner." His honest and friendly handclasp, and his fatherly ways, always seemed like a benediction to his legion of friends both in and out of the Masonic circle. Nothing afforded him greater pleasure than to perform some kindly act either for a friend or a stranger. "With charity for all, with malice towards none" was the "plumb line" of his life, and his death will come as a personal loss to thousands of Iowa people.

It had often been talked over and fully agreed between Grand Tyler Shreiner and Grand Secretary Parvin, that whoever should die first, the other should attend the funeral. Grand Secretary Parvin has been taking a much-needed rest in Mexico but he was informed Wednesday by wire of the death of his long-time friend and associate and he is now hastening home as fast as steam railways will bring him, to keep his promise made in good faith long years ago.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Theodore Shreiner, better known to the Masonic craft in Iowa as "Father" Shreiner was born June 15, 1811, at Grosenbach, Germany. In June, 1833, Mr. Shreiner bade farewell to his native land and embarked for America. Arriving in Baltimore, he selected Ohio as his place of destination, locating at Marietta. In 1855 Mr. Shreiner removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he resided up to the time of his death.

MASONRY.

Theodore Shreiner was made a Mason in Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 8, August 22, 1856, and soon after was appointed tyler of this lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Hiram chapter at Mt. Pleasant, March 14, 1857, and soon after his exaltation was also appointed tyler of his chapter. Mr. Shreiner received the orders of Knighthood at Des Moines, June, 1864, in the Grand Commandery of Iowa, which had just been organized, and at this first conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, Mr. Shreiner was commissioned Grand Sentinel. Mr. Shreiner was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies, having attained to the thirty-second degree, and was Grand Captain of the guards of the consistory bodies at Lyons, Iowa.

Mr. Shreiner was appointed Grand Tyler of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa at the sixteenth annual communication, held at Davenport, June, 1857, a position he filled continuously up to the time of his death, and he was never absent from any annual communication of the Grand Lodge since his appointment. In 1863 he was

appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter, and in 1864, he was also appointed Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and has held the positions ever since.

In 1873 Mr. Shreiner was elected an "honorary member" of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, an honor seldom bestowed upon any Mason. In 1870 the Grand Chapter elected him Grand Scribe, as a compliment, so that he might become a "permanent" member of that body, and the Grand Commandery at its seventh annual conclave, held at Clinton, also elected him an "honorary member" of the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

"Father" Shreiner (with the exception of Grand Secretary Parvin) is better known to the craft than any Mason in Iowa, and, with the same exception, he has served the Masons of Iowa longer than any other Mason in this grand jurisdiction.

Mr. Shreiner has been a resident of the United States for more than sixty years, and has voted for sixteen presidents. For fourteen years he was doorkeeper of the Iowa senate, and during this time he formed the acquaintance and friendship of most of the prominent men of the state. Twice the senate of Iowa recognized his faithful performance of duty—once with a beautiful and costly badge, and at another time they presented him with an elegant silver tea set.

The funeral services were held Friday, April 16th, at the family home in Mt. Pleasant, and conducted by the Grand Lodge.

THE LODGES.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CEDAR FALLS, IA., Apr. 3, 1897.

Dear Brother Geiger:

This will, most probably, be my last notice of appointments for the present Masonic year, as Grand Lodge is near at hand and warm weather is not far distant, when to labor in upper rooms will be too burdensome on account of the warm weather.

My list for the future is as follows, viz:

Parkersburg—April 5th and 6th.
Hampton—April 7th and 8th.
Anamosa—April 12th and 13th.
Ottumwa—April 14th, 15th and 16th.
West Union—April 19th and 20th.
Cresco—April 21st, 22d and 26th.
Lime Springs—April 23d and 24th,

and most probably

Maxwell—May 3d and 4th.
Irwin—May 5th and 6th.
Dunlap—May 7th and 8th.
Manning—May 10th and 11th.

It is very probable that the dates of the last four places may be somewhat changed and possibly one or two cancelled, for the reason that the season is now so far advanced. Dunlap desired to have the former dates given to be changed, which has been done. Spring Hill and Blanchard have been cancelled. This leaves Fontanelle, Kalona and Frank Pierce unplaced as to time as yet, and perchance they will have to be postponed or cancelled for this year. I feel as though I needed a rest and a change of air, so as to be better prepared for future demands and duties.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN IOWA.
IOWA CITY, Ia., Apl. 5, '97.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF ALL MASONIC LODGES IN IOWA:

Brethren: I sent you my circular letter of January 1, 1897, believing that upon having your attention called to the provisions of the law regarding Annual Returns you would comply with them. The result fully justified that belief, for in response to my letter and the letters and notices sent you by the Grand Secretary, the Annual Returns from every lodge in the State, for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge were received by the Grand Secretary within the time required by law. I am very glad to be able to make this statement to you, and extend to you all my sincere thanks for your prompt action.

I now desire to call your attention to the law regarding the payment of Grand Lodge Dues, and I do so for the reasons stated in my former letter, not for the benefit of the great majority who attend to the business of the lodge promptly, but for the benefit of those who might through oversight or mistake forget to send the dues in on time.

Section 198 of the Masonic Code provides that it shall be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to forward the amount of the Grand Lodge dues to the Grand Secretary before the 25th day of April of each year.

The Grand Lodge at its last session ordered that this section should be enforced. (See my letter of January 1st and references therein made.) I regard it as my duty to comply with the order of the Grand Lodge and see that the law is complied with, or the penalty for non-compliance enforced. But I hope that all Grand Lodge dues will be paid to the Grand Secretary before April 25th, and that I will be able to report to the Grand Lodge that all the lodges have fully complied with the provisions of the law as to returns and dues.

You will require this letter to be read in open lodge at the regular meeting in April, if received in time.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. W. BALL,
Grand Master.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

Grand High Priest Beehler informs us that he is perfecting arrangements for the Grand Convocation at Spirit Lake for July.

By an announcement from the General Grand Secretary, Companion C. G. Fox, we learn that Rhode Island Grand Chapter once more swings into line as a constituent of the general grand body.

THE COMMANDERIES.

LEMARS, Ia., March 4, 1897.

JNO. W. GEIGER,

Sir Noble:—After election of Plymouth Commandery 57, and Occidental Chapter No. 114, of LeMars, I sent you the officers' names elected. Not seeing it in *The Fez* I suppose it has been mislaid. Here they are again:

PLYMOUTH COMMANDERY NO. 57.

E. C.—C. H. Harp.
G.—Frank Post.
C. G.—Chas. Mordoff.
P.—Geo. Ward.
S. W.—L. Adamson.
J. W.—Ed. Dalton.
Treas.—W. G. Bolsen.
Recorder—Jos. Long.

OCCIDENTAL CHAPTER NO. 114.

H. P.—J. R. Mayher.
King—P. Branch.
Scribe—S. Adamson.
Treas.—W. G. Bolser.
Sec.—Jos. Long.

We have work in both Chapter and Commandery. Yours fraternally,
THOS. ADAMSON.

A RARE CEREMONIAL.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 30.—Zion Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, of Minneapolis, will celebrate its third of a century anniversary to-morrow, observing the spring festival of Malta. The order of Malta will be conferred at that time, and the full ritual and ceremonial of that order will be performed. To those not familiar with Masonic matters this announcement may carry little interest, but to Masons in this state and throughout the country it will be of great interest, as the ceremony of the order of Malta has only once been performed in full in this country. It will therefore attract large crowds of Knights. —*Cedar Rapids Gazette.*

THE EASTERN STAR.

DAVENPORT, April 12, 1896.

Monday, April 5th, Davenport Chapter 178, O. E. S., accepted an invitation to visit Moline Chapter, where they met also Rock Island Chapter. Five candidates were initiated into Moline Chapter, the work being done in a beautiful and impressive manner by all the officers, after which a banquet was served and an enjoyable time was had by all. May the very pleasant relations existing between the Chapters of the tri-cities ever continue.

MRS. W. H. HENDER.

The following is the list of Chapters U. D., instituted by the Grand Matron to date:

New Virginia, Greeley, Denison, Delmar, Elma, Wellman, Lewis, Clarinda, Hillsboro, Alden, Storm Lake, Pomeroy, Truro, Mitchellville, Westside, Sheldon, Armstrong, Onawa, Massena.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., April, 1897.

Harmony Chapter 25, O. E. S., Council Bluffs, gave an exceedingly enjoyable entertainment in Masonic Hall Friday evening, Feb. 19. The talented elocutionist, Miss Etta Bankson, from Waterloo Chapter 128, was passing through the city on her way to Tacoma, Wash., and stopped over as the guest of the Grand Secretary. She kindly consented to assist in the program, and greatly delighted the large audience with her elocutionary powers; from humorous to pathetic she was equally at home, and the applause which followed

each number proved that she had entirely captivated her listeners. If the sisters and brothers of Tacoma wish for an enjoyable evening's entertainment, we would advise them to secure the services of Sister Bankson during her sojourn amongst them.

The musical part of the program was delightfully filled by Miss Esther Fried, vocalist; Miss Yanskowski, pianist; the Apollo Club, led by Thomas Lacy, Jr., son of Past Eminent Commander Lacy; the Orpheus Club, and little Arthur Goff, the wonderful eight-year-old cornetist, who is the marvel of the critics. Refreshments and an informal reception to the performers closed a very pleasant evening, and sister Bankson left for her western trip with the hearty good wishes and "God speed" of the members of the chapter. The proceeds of the performance finish liquidating the balance owing on the piano lately purchased by Harmony Chapter.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Even the Arab Patrol of Mecca Temple, is under separate organization, and a copy of their Constitution is at hand. The plan is a good one.

President McKinley now wears a fez and a Shriners smile as he passes along the plums.

Preparations are in full swing for the imperial trip to Detroit, where the Nobles will have a royal time. Don't forget the time, June 8th and 9th, 1897.

PRESIDENT TO BECOME SHRINER

INITIATION INTO THE MYSTERIES OF THE ORDER TO TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY.

Baltimore, Md., March 29.—President McKinley is about to enter the order of the Mystic Shrine. There will be a gathering of the members of the order in the city in the week at which the Almas of Washington and the members of Acca temple of Richmond will be present as the guests of Bound temple, of Baltimore.

On Wednesday a return pilgrimage to the capital will be made and ceremonies incident to the initiations of the president of the United States into the order will be held.

President McKinley was elected a member of the organization at Cleveland, Ohio, just prior to the opening of the campaign, but owing to the demands on him he could not spare time to participate in the initiatory ceremonies. It has been arranged that these take place Wednesday at the capital of the nation. The nobles of Almas temple will officiate.

The occasion will be one of the most interesting in the history of the shrine, and members of various temples throughout the country will be present. It is said that the order will in consequence be largely represented at the capital.—*Cedar Rapids Gazette*

NOBLE ARCHIE COX.

One of the best known Nobles of El-Kahir Temple, in Central Iowa, was the one whose name is given above. He has passed the folds of the black tent of death and the "book of the dead" now records the final of his career among us. He died in Texas, Saturday, April 3, 1897. His son, Noble Archie Jr., was on the way to bring him home, that he might die among his friends, but death claimed him in a strange land. His funeral services were held April 9, conducted by St. Aldemar Commandery and accompanied by all the Masonic bodies. A large number of visiting Masons of various degrees participated. Personally we were detained by another funeral. We all feel how uncertain our lease of life is, yet that the "black camel" kneels at the tent of the most favored, whether rich or poor. Farewell, Noble and Brother—May thy rest be sweet.

The camels are restive. The Nomads of the desert demand that our chiefs lead them against the unregenerate tribes on our borders. Our Arabs are in sympathy with liberty-loving Greece, and hope they will roast turkey. The clans are being called for a great feast at Dubuque on May 19, 1897. Burnish your scimeter, dust off your fez, pay your dues, and go with us. Notice later.

Medinah gives us a sight of Illustrious Potentate Johnson's and Chief Rabban Roundy's faces in their notice for February 26th.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa. Oskaloosa, June 2, 1897.

GEO. W. BALL	Iowa City	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON	Lincoln	GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS	Canton	GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22, 1897.

MAX. BEEHLER	Manchester	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

		GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn		Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS	Deadwood	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.

T. R. ERCANBRACK	Anamosa	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

		GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Recorder

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

J. J. CASSELMAN	Huron	GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Cherokee, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH	Newton	GRAND MATRON
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Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES	Columbus	GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham	Grand Island	Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE	Brookings	GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle	De Smet	Grand Patron
Mrs. A. M. McCallister	Madison	Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich., June 8-9, 1897.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN	Manchester	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Recorder

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GEO. F. WHITE	Davenport	POTENTATE
C. J. Brown	Davenport	Recorder

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DEF. E GREEN	Lincoln	POTENTATE
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A. B. KITTEREDGE	Sioux Falls	POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger	Sioux Falls	Recorder

GENERAL MASONIC.

ANNUAL RECEPTION.

Minneapolis Lodge No. 19, of Minnesota, and of the city of its name, held their annual reception March 2, 1897. The top story of the magnificent Masonic Temple was aflood with light, arched over with incandescents, and hundreds of happy Masons and their families were there. We were in attendance. A rich program was rendered. Worshipful Master, H. D. Dickinson, introduced the order with a happily-put address of welcome. Mrs. Josephine Bonaparte Rice charmed all with her readings. The Masonic (male) and the Soppho (ladies) quartette rendered the finest and sweetest of music. Hon. Frank M. Nye, who was on for an address on "Fraternity" failed to appear, and "we" had that largest lodge in the world at our mercy for a long half-hour. After more music to soothe the breasts we may have made savage, between Sister Myers, (H. M's wife), and the Past Worthy Matron of Minnesota, Sister Taylor, editor of "The Eastern Star Record," initiated us into the mysteries of "frappe," lady fingers and delightful introductions. Dancing followed. To say that we enjoyed the occasion is to say what everybody who ever fell into the hands of the Minne-Mason knows, goes without saying. We found our pillow in the Hotel West, about 2 a. m. The membership of this Lodge is 827, and is the largest Lodge in the world.

FATHER SCHREINER DEAD.

The sad news of Father Schreiner's death reached us April 14th. His funeral was held on the 16th, conducted by the Grand Lodge.

March 26 we were privileged to look through the fine quarters of the Le Mars Masonic bodies. Here a choice lot of brothers and sisters show forth the beauties of the fraternity.

The Masonic bodies of Traer are active and healthy.

While lecturing at Collins, Mar. 15-17, we found Star and Blue Lodge matters in a fervent state. A good corps of workers there.

Out at Sanborn we met with a warm reception. The boys are alive; Chapter and Blue Lodge as well as Eastern Star.

West Bend has some of the choicest Masons of Iowa in its midst. Brother A. E. Brown is one of the all-round brothers who is full of business, and a great Mason.

A half-day, March 26, with Brother Van Saun at Sheldon, showed us that school is still kept and the brethren full of go. A new chapter O. E. S. is organizing here.

April 5, we were in Adel—never finer sidewalks or better street paving—and the brotherhood is royal in every way.

The evening of April 8, found us in Perry among old friends and with future dates necessitated by another funeral.

Judging by the appearances we have but little occasion to fear for the future of the craft in Iowa.

March 30, we spent a pleasant night at Anita, they are alive there. A call home for a funeral—lost railway connections and a change of dates put our next appearance May 3 and 4.

ANOTHER BULL.

"His holiness" the Pope of Rome is thinking however dangerous it may be to his health and nerves, he's about to ship another Italian bull to America for a plenary council to meet in Baltimore, Md., about May 1. This is the part that leads us to notice the matter: "It will deal particularly with the subjects which have lately caused such a division among the bishops; namely, public instruction, nationalism and the Catholic doctrine regarding secret or patriotic societies.

HELEN JOSEPHINE LARY.

To the Junior Steward of Trojan Lodge 548, Marion, Brother J. H. Lary and wife, was born a daughter, on March 1, 1897, and to the Worshipful Master, by this event, a grand-daughter, as the mother is his second daughter, Laura.

MASONIC COURTESY.

We doubt if all our brethren observe what opportunities there are for the extension of these minor courtesies that go so far to impress not only the visitor but the diffident member as well with the pleasures of the Masonic communication. A seemingly expenseless act of kindness in making each other comfortable, goes a great way with most of us. We have been present at banquets where the rush of the forward local members have crowded invited visiting guests back and out, and the after result was a reflection upon the courtesy of all concerned in the invitation. It should be no effort for one to move on a little in a crowded room, or to get up and offer a chair to the strange brother or sister, yet observation has often shown us a lack of it. The needless correction of each other in the presence of visitors is not in good taste and often puts constraint upon the one and ill feeling upon the other. While our courtesies should not be of the studied kind, they ought to be the result of a careful knowledge of that etiquette which ought to prevail in all well governed Masonic bodies.

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The Sixth Annual Report of the Masonic Home of Virginia, 1896, is at hand. It shows the liberality of the "Old Dominion" in the care of our brethren, for their orphans, and dependent craftsmen. The new building is a model of beauty.

Jefferson Davis was not a Freemason. An autograph letter of his is in the Library at Cedar Rapids, in which he states the fact. But the anti's will still say Greely bailed him, and he was not shot "because he was a Mason."

ENRICHMENT.

When one remembers the pull and haul sometimes complained of in getting a quorum for "work" in various Masonic bodies, it leads one to meditate upon the possible methods by which enrichment might follow. Music is perhaps one of the next following a correct dramatic rendering of the ritual. In Lyons, Des Moines and Minneapolis, the various bodies possess the advantage of male, mixed and female choirs, rendering as preludes and interludes the finest selections of music through the human voice. In Minneapolis they have a neat little alchove well lighted, with a gauze curtain in front, and with the lights dimmed in the main hall, so that the singing was possible of rendition while the candidates were in proper position at the A without any unauthorized person being able to see who were present or what was being done.

Of course, costumes go a great way in the rendition of our ceremonies to increase the interest, and we believe from the very beginning there should be for the working officers the appropriate symbolic and oriental robes. Think of E. K. S. holding a reception in the M. C. with his coat off and a two-fer in his lips? Then lastly when we cease the folly of conducting elections for the accommodation of slate makers and office hunters and put men in the stations who can and will learn the work so as to interpret its dramatic beauty, we will see the attendance grow.

Plymouth Commandery No. 57, K. T., LeMars, Iowa, wishes to obtain Vol. 1 Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the state of Iowa.

Also Occidental Chapter No. 114 R. A. M. LeMars, Iowa, wishes to get Vol. 1 of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Any Commandery or Chapter having extra volumes of the above will confer a favor by corresponding with

JOSEPH LONG, Recorder,
LeMars, Iowa.

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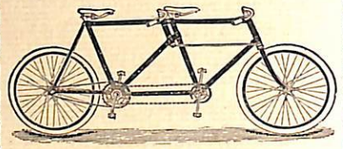

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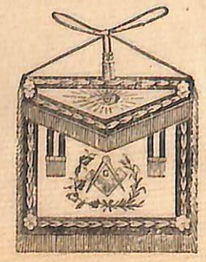

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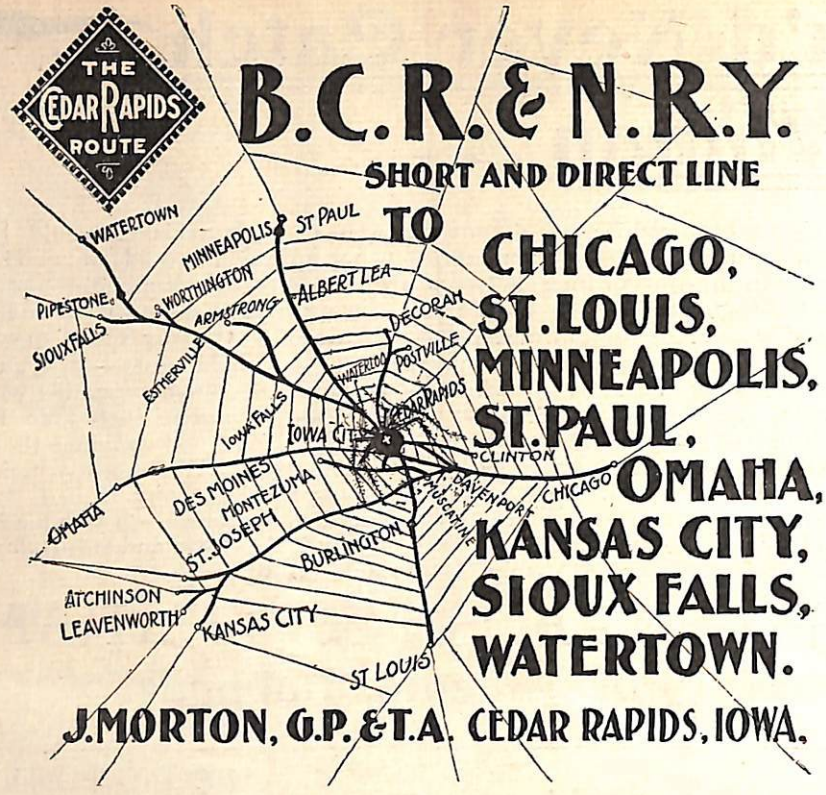

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